



CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 3rd, 2015 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
City Hall, 1001 Bridge St. Vernonia OR 97064

 ORIGINAL

Mission Statement

The City of Vernonia pledges to be an ethical and responsive government using community collaboration to foster leadership and a vision for civic improvement while providing a safe, peaceful, economically viable community.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance -- Mayor Parrow

Mayor Parrow called the meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

Installation/Oath of Office - Councilor Bruce McNair

City Recorder Josette Mitchell issued the Oath of Office for City Councilor to Bruce McNair.

2. Additions or Removal of Agenda Items

There was one addition to the Agenda.

Unfinished Business

D. Evaluation of the City Administrator

Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition was made by Councilor Tierney. Motion was seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

3. Presentation

Dan Cavender- Potential Lake Vendor

Marilyn Cavender spoke about the interest her and her partner Dan have in the Lake concession stand. She presented Council with an outline of what changes would make the Lake a destination point.

Her and her partner met with Larry looked over the property and the current concession stand and what her and her partner may do to make the concession stand better and have it reach a healthier clientele. They want to understand the route they would want to take to be there. Councilor Tierney asked what their hours would be; they would like to extend beyond the current contract which is April thru September.

Marilyn asked what the parameters are, Parks Committee Chair stated that the contract possibly worked around the previous owner and not necessarily what could or couldn't happen at the site. Site movement had been discussed by Council, more towards the old mill site area. Other services that they have entertained have been, supplies, wood, healthy food, etc. The current set-up is portable and had footings poured to structure the awnings. Marilyn asked if the infrastructure in place would be the same or would the City Council be expecting the owner to put in the infrastructure.

Councilor Hult asked would they be living in the travel trailer or in the house. Marilyn sees the trailer as a day operation, and perhaps as a destination for their family. Mayor Parrow thinks the two activities should be kept separate. The Park Host contract would stay separate from the Concession Vendor agreement. The City really needs to figure out what should be on the site.

The Council consensus is to have the Cavender's return with a proposal for Council. Councilor McNair proposes the idea of letting the Cavender's finish the season. Council consensus is for the Cavender's to work with Larry to run snack shack until the end of season. Parks will put it on their August agenda. Council will have a potential work session to discuss

the new plans. Council wants a letter from Larry Snethen approving the agreement that the Cavender's have his permission to run the stand until the end of season.

4. Councilor Committee Meeting Reports

Hult-None **Seager**-None **Parrow**-None **McNair**-Public Works Committee went over the FCS study and getting that back to Council for the adoption of the new sewer rate. They discussed scheduling of the WWTP project. **Tierney**-Emergency Preparedness Committee met at the school and toured it as the emergency shelter if an emergency event should happen. They talked about fire safety, the VRFD is short of volunteers, they can't go into a structure, and they can only fight a fire around the structure. The requirements have changed and rural fire districts are experiencing a lack of volunteers.

5. Topics from the Floor/Audience Participation

John Brewer- 73 Vernonia resident, kids have nothing to do here, there are lots of good companies that could build a skate park. The Master Parks plan identifies two sites for a skate park, the City needs to find a spot to place it. The second idea is that he wants to lease the property next to himself, staff is working on listing the properties that were bought out and when the restriction will end. Staff will bring it to Council prior to noticing the neighbors of availability.

6. Consent Agenda for Acceptance

A. Weekly Departmental Updates from July 2nd, 17th, 24th, 2015

Motion was made to accept the Weekly Departmental Updates from July 2nd, 17th, 24th, of 2015 by Councilor Hult. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda for Approval

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for July 6th, 2015

Motion was made to accept the City Council minutes for July 6th, 2015 by Councilor McNair. Motion as seconded by Councilor Seager. Motion carried.

B. City Council Interview Minutes for July 8th, 2015

Motion was made to accept the City Council Interview minutes for July 8th, 2015 by Councilor McNair. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tierney. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Tobacco Free Parks Draft Ordinance Discussion

Councilor Tierney discussed the process that the committee went through to determine the draft ordinance that was presented. Councilor McNair thinks that this smacks of high mindedness. Councilor Tierney went through details of Ashley's presentation that went towards the reasons why we should ban smoking. Councilor Hult still struggles with the language in the ordinance being too broad. Move 5. b. and c. under PR zoning as a such as, and eliminate the wording open space. Councilor Seager doesn't see how we are going to enforce the rules on Webb Way, etc. Council consensus was to bring back the ordinance to the August 17th Council meeting, and post the public hearing.

B. ODOT Crosswalk at Hwy 47/Rose Avenue

The representatives from ODOT came to Vernonia to address the requests from the City. City Administrator GianPaolo Mammone discussed his staff report and the meeting outcomes. The ODOT representatives went through town and discussed the different opportunities and potential issues identified. The City has not heard back from the ODOT engineers as of yet. Council

would like this followed up on the August 17th City Council agenda. Council wants the City Administrator to mention movement in his Weekly Departmental Updates.

C. Nickerson Loop update

City Administrator went through the meeting he had with DSL representative, and what the next steps should be. The City could scrap the approvals and start from scratch. There are legal potentials that need to be discussed before the City goes down the road. Councilor McNair discussed could there possibly be a pressure reduction going on Knott Street.

How does the City fix the problem? The fire suppression issue is the only item that the City can act on, the other issues as presented by Mr. Schrader are State issues, and the State of Oregon will need to deal with Mr. Smejkal on the State requirements.

The building inspector will meet with the City Administrator this upcoming Friday, and discuss the regulations that can be met and required.

Councilor Tierney is feeling a bit frustrated about whether or not the Council's direction was followed. The agreement was not allowing the future building permits; it has been 6 weeks since we this started, why have we not had movement. We have had no answer as to whether the items have been done.

Councilor McNair wants to know as a property owner where does the City stand as far as providing the infrastructure that will be required of the property owners.

Mr. Schrader explained that the DSL and County officials stated no building permits shall be issued until the issues have been resolved. Council has come to no action.

Council feels the burden of proof is on the developer to prove he has met the conditions of approval. Staff will follow up with the status of this Nickerson Loop issue at the next City Council meeting.

9. New Business

A. Travel Trailer Permit – Wallace John Pollock

The applicants discussed the travel trailer not having a sewage connection. The Brewer's will check into the idea of a service to pump the waste, the Brewer's will come back with the information and at that time if they can prove they have a plan to deal with the sewer the Council acknowledges the approval of the 6 month travel trailer permit.

10. Business from Departments

A. Police Department – Chief Michael Conner

-OLCC Smitty's Beer Garden Jamboree

Council was made aware of the beer garden that will happen at the All In Pub over Jamboree weekend.

B. City Administrator – Gian Paolo Mammone

A. City Administrator Report

WWTP- City Administrator went over the report explaining the elements of the WWTP project and where we are at with each.

Spencer Park Restroom- The kit cost 41,000 dollars, the RFP is out will be back Aug 13th, and Council will see the result and proposing the winning contractor.

California Avenue- City Administrator met with Mr. Curtis, the current process is at a standstill.

11. Ordinances/Resolutions

No ordinance/resolutions

12. Correspondence

Letter from S. Bernal 7/7/15

No discussion was held.

Letter from L. Robson 7/10/2015

Council directed staff to forward the letter onto Legal for the next steps.

13. Items from Mayor, Councilors, City Administrator

Hult-Missed the CCET meeting **McNair**- Was part of the interview committee for Police hiring **Seager**-None **Tierney**-She experienced getting a shut-off notice, she discussed the option of a workshop. Council disagreed with Councilor Tierney, no revisit. Councilor McNair-will be the liaison to the Cemetery Committee

14. Action Items Summary – City Administrator

- Council consensus is for the Cavender's to work with Larry to run snack shack until the end of season. Parks will put it on their August agenda. Council will have a potential work session to discuss the new plans. Council wants a letter from Larry Snethen approving the agreement that the Cavender's have his permission to run the stand until the end of season.
- Staff is working on listing the properties that were bought out with CDBG funds and when the restriction will end. Staff will bring it to Council prior to noticing the neighbors of availability.
- Regarding the Tobacco Free Ordinance - Move 5. b. and c. under PR zoning as a such as, and eliminate the wording open space. Staff will send to Councilors individually for review and approval for the Council meeting. Council consensus was to bring back the ordinance to the August 17th Council meeting, and post the public hearing.
- Rose Avenue –Crosswalk- Council would like this followed up on the August 17th City Council agenda. Council wants the City Administrator to mention movement in his Weekly Departmental Updates.
- Staff will follow up with the status of this Nickerson Loop issue at the next City Council meeting.
- Council directed staff to forward the letter from Mr. Robson onto City Legal staff for the next steps.
- The Brewer's will check into the idea of a service to pump the waste, the Brewer's will come back with the information and at that time if they can prove they have a plan to deal with the sewer the Council acknowledges the approval of the 6 month travel trailer permit.

15. Recess to Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(f)

Mayor Parrow recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 10:44pm.

The City Council will now meet in Executive Session for the purpose of

(f) Exempt Public Records

The executive session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2), which allows the Council to meet in executive session for the purpose stated.

*Representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend the executive session.**

All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room.

**Council may choose to allow other specified persons to attend.*

"A member of the news media or designee may not disclose any information from executive session, may not tape record, digitally record, and/ or video record any information to decrease the likelihood that information discussed in the executive session will be inadvertently disclosed."

16. Return to Open Session

Returned to Open Session at 11:14 pm

Councilor Tierney asked a question regarding Nickerson Ridge, there was a list of requirements, can the City stop issuing building permits on the basis that we do not know if the conditions were met? The City wants proof prior to allowing the building permits. Ruben says no we would be denying the use of land to a person, but on a per unit basis we can require all things necessary to the compliance of the requirements have been met.

17. Adjournment

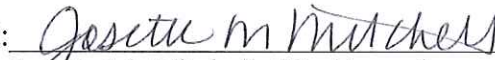
Mayor Parrow adjourned the meeting at 11:27pm

These minutes were approved at the regular City Council meeting August 17, 2015.



Randall J. Parrow, Mayor

Attest:



Josette M. Mitchell, City Recorder

8-17-15

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